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III. AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract on page 15 with the following amended Abstract:

An exterior finishing system including a bond-compatible composite membrane ~~comprising~~ having a first self-adhesive material layer and a second rough fabric layer, and its use as an intermediate layer between a building structure substrate and exterior finishing materials is provided. Unlike conventional composite membranes, the bond-compatible composite membrane has a rough surface that allows bonding materials to adhere to it. Therefore, mechanical devices are not needed to attach the exterior finishing materials to the building structure.